

BRITISH BEND GERMAN LINE AND TAKE LILLE

Important Advance by British Army is Reported in London And, if Report is True, a Sharp Advance Has Been Made in Battle Line Held for Months

NO CONFIRMATION MADE BY OTHER WAR OFFICES

In the Eastern Theatre the Germans Appear to Have Abandoned for the Time Their Western Attack on Warsaw But Have Redoubled Efforts in North

An important advance has been made by the British army, and if as reported in London, the British army is in virtual possession of Lille. This city lies just south of the Belgian border to the east of the battle line held for several months, and its occupation by the British should mean that a sharp bend has been made in the German front. Neither the French nor the German war office statement, however, has given official confirmation of the London dispatch.

Renewed activity along the coast of German aircraft, which bombarded Dunkirk, has revived the rumors of a Zeppelin raid over England. One Zeppelin is said to have moved toward the English coast from Dunkirk.

Another lull in the fighting along the Vistula in Russian Poland is recorded by the Petrograd office. The fury of the German attack has not spent itself, however, and, although the attempt to break the Russian lines west of Warsaw may have been given up for the time, the movement from the north continues in full force. Four successive German attacks were made in this region, and, according to the Russian version, they accomplished little.

The British press considers Sir Edward Grey's reply to the American note concerning British interference with American shipping virtually disposed of that issue. The reply is regarded as satisfying the British public, and the British newspapers take the view that it should satisfy the American public.

GERMANS EVACUATED LILLE, IS REPORTED

London Daily Press Hears That City is Virtually in the Hands of the British—Rumors to That Effect Confirmed.

London, Jan. 11, 4:04 a. m.—A dispatch to the Daily Press from Boulogne asserts that confirmation has been obtained of the rumors that the Germans have evacuated Lille and that the city is now virtually in the possession of the British.

10 AEROPLANES THREW 30 BOMBS

Dunkirk Was Prepared for the Attack and There Were Few Victims and Little Damage Was Done.

Paris, Jan. 11.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Dunkirk says that a dozen German aeroplanes bombarded Dunkirk and environs Sunday. Thirty bombs were thrown by the aeroplanes, but owing to the precautions that had been taken, there were few victims. The material damage was unimportant.

GERMANS REPULSED ALL

According to Their Official Statement in the West.

Berlin, via wireless to London, Jan. 11, 5:15 p. m.—According to the progress of the war, the official statement of the German army headquarters today says that in an engagement near Perthes on the center of the battle line in France, the Germans repulsed parts of wing trenches which had been stormed by the French and that the Germans inflicted heavy losses on their opponents. Fresh German successes were claimed in the Argonne region and the statement also reports French attacks at La Basselle and at a point north of Soissons were repulsed.

Unfavorable weather conditions continue to hinder military operations in Russian Poland, though the Germans claim to be making progress in the direction of Warsaw.

SOME FRENCH FIGHTING

But Otherwise Sunday Passed Without Particular Events.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The French official statement today shows a continuation at certain points of intermittent action, but the artillery does not appear to have brought any important results. In addition, there were some trench fighting with French gains, according to the statement. (Re-arrange yesterday's news and appear to have been a day of particular activity or important developments.)

MAN BURNED TO DEATH; ALSO 8 HORSES, 3 COWS

Frank Richards Was Trying to Loose The Horses When He Fell, Overcome By Smoke in Barn at Springfield.

Springfield, Jan. 11.—Fire was discovered in the barn owned by E. H. Wilder on Valley street about three o'clock yesterday afternoon and before an entrance could be forced into the building Frank Richards had lost his life while eight horses and three cows were burned to death. The house adjoining the barn was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark and they lost all their household goods and carried no insurance. Richards was in the barn when it caught fire and in trying to liberate the horses fell under one of them. He is supposed to have been suffocated by the dense smoke from the burning hay and he was found under one of the dead animals with his face downward.

The cause of the fire is unknown. One colt, one cow and the pigs were saved from the burning building. Wilder's saddle horse had been hired for the afternoon.

Wilder carried an insurance of \$1,200 on the property, but his loss will be around \$5,000. Richards was about forty years old and unmarried. He came from Whitehall, N. Y., and leaves a sister, Mrs. Carl Weslen, in Keene, N. H.

TRIED TO EAT PAROLE PAPER.

Young Man Was Arrested For Evading Payment of Fare.

St. Albans, Jan. 11.—As Deputy Sheriff Albert Ayers of Swanton was on the way to this city Saturday bringing a young man about 18 years old who had been sentenced to the house of correction at Rutland for refusing to pay his fare on the train, he noticed the fellow was chewing on a paper which he had in his hand.

Mr. Ayers got part of the paper in his possession, enough to show him that it was a parole from the state reformatory at Concord, N. H. When questioned, the young man, who gave his name as Henry Hall, would not reply, but Sergeant N. S. Ramsey of Boston, who was in the city on other business, knew something of the record of the man, whose name is Edward Brown, having seen him about Boston.

According to Mr. Ramsey's story Brown assaulted an officer and skipped. Brown had swallowed part of the paper before Deputy Ayers discovered that he had it, but the local officer will telephone to Concord to-day to ascertain something further about the man's record.

FORMER BARRE MAN.

George F. Owens Died Yesterday at His Home in Williamstown.

The death of George F. Owens occurred yesterday at his home in Williamstown, following a paralytic shock which he sustained Thursday, and which left his right side helpless. Mr. Owens had not been in the best of health for a number of years.

The deceased was born in Concord 53 years ago and had spent most of his life in Barre, to which place he came in 1874 or 1875, and where he remained until three years ago, when he removed to Williamstown and engaged in farming. While in Barre he was in the granite business, having been foreman for the H. H. More Granite Co. for five years and for the Stratton-Lane Co. for two years.

It was in Barre also that he married Allie Bartlett, 25 years ago, who survives him. He is also survived by two brothers, John of South Weymouth, Mass., and Elmer E. of Barre Town. Mr. Owens was a man much respected by all his acquaintances and a large circle of friends will miss his genial companionship. He was a member of Cobble Hill funeral home.

The funeral will be held from his late home in Williamstown Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 10 o'clock a. m.

MRS. JULIA CHASE.

A Former Montpelier Woman Died in Northfield.

Mrs. Julia Chase, formerly of Montpelier, died in Northfield yesterday after a short illness with pneumonia. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Chase was twice married, her second husband being Edmund Chase. She was 53 years old and leaves three brothers, a daughter and two grandchildren. The brothers are Horace, George and Fred Thresher, all of Northfield; the daughter is Mrs. A. W. Holton of Northfield, and the grandchildren are Beatrice Holton of Montpelier and George Holton of Northfield. She was a member of the Methodist church and the Brooks Relief corps in Montpelier.

AGED MAN A SUICIDE.

John Williams Hanged Himself in Barn at East Poultney.

Poultney, Jan. 11.—John Williams, 65 years old, committed suicide last Saturday afternoon by hanging himself in the hay rack in a barn owned by his son, David Williams, with whom he lived at East Poultney. No reason is known for the man's deed as he was apparently in his usual health and spirits.

He was seen about his son's home about six o'clock and when the latter returned home about six o'clock and entered the barn he found his father's body hanging from a beam. The authorities were notified and the case was pronounced suicide.

Mr. Williams is survived by two sons. Practically all his life had been spent in this town. The funeral will be held Tuesday.

FIRM INCORPORATES.

Smith & Cummings Co. of Barre With \$10,000 Capital Stock.

The Smith & Cummings Co. of Barre has filed articles of incorporation of the company with the state office, the capital stock being \$10,000 and the purpose to carry on a meat and provision business. The incorporators are W. H. Smith, E. J. Cummings, Charles A. Smith, Alex. Park and John Clegg.

LESS GLOOMY OUTLOOK HELD

Officials at Washington Are Relieved by British Note

CONFIDENT OF SATIS- FACTORY SOLUTION

Some Surprised at England's Attitude Based on Her Enemies' Acts

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Renewed confidence was expressed in official circles to-day that the diplomatic exchanges between Great Britain and the United States regarding the interruption of neutral commerce soon would lead to the elimination of many of the uncertainties to which American cargoes have been subjected. The British reply to the American protest, which was made public late yesterday, is regarded as a conciliatory tone and as forecasting a final agreement satisfactory to American shippers.

While the high officials who have had the British reply since Friday continued to discuss it only in guarded terms it became known to-day that they were gratified at the friendly spirit which characterized the communication and felt that an understanding had been reached upon which the details could be worked out in a satisfactory manner in the future diplomatic correspondence.

Some of the officials who read the text of the reply expressed surprise over the British foreign office's contention that England could not be expected to confine herself strictly to the accepted rules of international procedure in the matter of contraband because her enemies have not done so. One official expressed the sentiment that such a plan would not be accepted by the American government which in no way is held responsible for the untoward acts of Great Britain's enemies.

Briefly, the British note, while conceding the principles of the American government's contention, points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers and cites statistics showing an increase, rather than a decrease in certain neutral commerce, in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries. The note promises, however, that Great Britain will "make redress" whenever the action of the British fleet "may unintentionally exceed" the limits of international law.

The statements brought forth to show that commerce between the United States and neutral countries contiguous to Germany and Austria had increased materially since the outbreak of the war were regarded here as misleading. It was pointed out that in view of the shipping down of the normal routes of commerce with Germany and Austria many non-contraband products had been shipped through neutral countries. Similarly the neutral countries which previously had obtained much of their supplies from belligerents were now importing from the United States.

As to the increase in shipments of copper to Italy, it was pointed out that the Italian ambassador had already explained that Italy, which has previously obtained copper from Germany and Austria for her manufactures, now was forced to import from the United States because of the embargo on exportation which the belligerents themselves had imposed.

The admission of Great Britain that as to foodstuffs and conditional contraband, Lord Salisbury's doctrine, quoted in the American note would be followed in practice by the British, foodstuffs being held up only when destined to an enemy force, also was pleasing to American officials.

MADE THINGS HUM.

Runaway Sideswiped Two Other Teams To-day.

A runaway with disastrous results for Dr. John H. Woodruff and Clarence G. Carr, an R. F. D. carrier, occurred early this afternoon when a horse attached to a delivery wagon said to be owned by a farmer named Hall, came down North Main street, crossed Jefferson street and became actively engaged in making excitement for the natives in that neighborhood when it witnessed Dr. Woodruff's team, which was standing in front of the Woodruff. One of the wheels on the doctor's carriage was torn from the axle and as a matter of reciprocity, no doubt, the errand animal from the farm left his card in the shape of the delivery wagon seat.

Chapter No. 2 (same runaway) was stopped on Summer street, entered Main street and a two-wheeled gig which he was on his daily errand into the hinterlands. Mr. Carr was driving slowly up the street when he spotted the runaway making directly toward his own street, and as the carrier could do, a collision seemed inevitable; the horses came together and the driver was spilled out of his own conveyance. Almost in the twinkling of an eye the erstwhile gig was reduced to a pile of spokes and small dimensions.

The carrier received a thoroughly unpleasant shaking and a few bruises. The horse he led away in his home on Church street. From the north end of the city later in the afternoon came a report that an unclaimed horse was being held by persons bent on finding its owner.

Special meeting of Canton Union, No. 2, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Thomas Towner of Randolph Falls arrived this morning, being called here by the summons issued by the mother, Mrs. John Towner, of 5 West street.

LIBERAL CHURCH CLERGY

Of Vermont and Province of Quebec Gather in Barre.

Universalist and Unitarian ministers of Vermont and Quebec, as well as clergymen of other liberal Christian societies in the same territory, gathered in the city this afternoon for their semi-annual conference. The sessions opened in the Universalist church at 3 o'clock, continuing through the evening and concluding Tuesday night, after a morning and afternoon program in the church. The local committee which had charge of the conference insofar as entertaining the visitors is concerned, were uncertain at noon to-day as to how many clergymen would be present. In Vermont and Quebec there are nearly 50 Universalist churches and a dozen Unitarian societies. Plans were made for accommodating at least 40 clergymen, although the attendance may fall short of that estimate. At any rate, Barre people interested in the conference were confident that the gathering would be representative of both districts.

Some of the most constructive clergymen in northern New England and Quebec are to speak while the conference is in progress and some very significant and timely topics have been assigned them for consideration. At the close of each session there will be an informal discussion by all of the ministers assembled.

After a short address of welcome by Rev. J. B. Beardon of the Universalist church, the program was to open with a paper on "National Prohibition" by Rev. H. L. Canfield of Woodstock. Rev. D. E. Trout of Brattleboro is down on the afternoon program for a talk on "State Prohibition," and Rev. Richard McLaughlin of White River Junction is to speak on the subject, "Some Rights Vermont Wage-earners Might Properly Insist Upon."

For the evening program there are the following contributions: 7:30 o'clock, "The White Plague," Dr. W. R. Rowland of East Corinth; paper, "Community Housework," Rev. P. E. Lyndon of Windsor. Tomorrow morning the session will open at 9 o'clock with a paper entitled, "The Liberal Church as an Evangelistic Force," by Rev. George S. Delano, D. D., of Chester. Afterward, Rev. H. L. Thornton of St. Albans will speak on "The Treatment of the Criminal." Tomorrow afternoon the ministers assemble at 2 o'clock and again in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

CREAMERY SALE RECORDED.

Deed Transfers Dodge Creamery to A. P. Abbott and F. G. Persons.

A deed was recorded Saturday conveying the L. B. Dodge creamery, so called, at 300 North Main street to A. P. Abbott and Fred G. Persons, a South Barre milk dealer. The property was sold by the Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Co. and will be conducted by Messrs. Abbott and Persons. One of the best equipped creamery and cold storage plants in Vermont, together with a retail store fronting the street and office rooms on the second floor, figures in the transaction. The new proprietors are already carrying on the business and will make further improvements, both in the mechanical department and the store. The sale also includes a tenementhouse just south of the creamery and the land along North Main street originally a part of the so called creamery frontage.

The creamery building was erected several years ago and operated until last year by L. B. Dodge. For a time thereafter it was conducted by C. F. Smith, acting for the creditors, and last September it was sold at public auction to E. L. Smith, who represented the Quarry bank in bidding off the property.

A number of improvements are contemplated by the purchasers. The cold storage plant is to be enlarged materially and the retail store will be conducted on a wider plane than in the past. Mr. Persons has been in the milk business for some years and he will not relinquish his milk route in associating with Mr. Abbott in the creamery management. A more specific announcement of what the firm intends to do will be made within a short time.

GOSPEL IN AFRICA.

Told About By Rev. John Gates Before Ministers' Monday Club.

Fourteen clergymen were at the First Presbyterian church this forenoon for the regular monthly meeting of the Ministers' Monday Club. The meeting opened at 10:30 o'clock with devotional exercises, led by Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Montpelier. The president of the association, Rev. E. F. Newell, was in the chair and the principal contribution to the program was a paper on "The Gospel in Africa," by Rev. J. Gates of Northfield. A discussion followed and at one o'clock the meeting adjourned, the ministers going to the Kurka restaurant for dinner.

The following members answered the roll call at to-day's gathering: Rev. S. P. Blomfield, Rev. I. H. Benedict, Rev. William Shaw and Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Montpelier; Rev. Frank Blomfield of Berlin; Rev. W. E. Douglas of Waterbury; Rev. J. Gates of Northfield; Rev. J. W. Barnett, Rev. E. F. Newell, Rev. George H. Holt, Rev. James Ramage, Rev. John Bjork and Rev. Edgar Crossland of Barre. Rev. J. Harrison Thompson was present as a guest. The next meeting of the club will be held in Montpelier on the second Tuesday in February.

SEEK CONTINUOUS POWER.

South Ryegate and Groton Granite Concerns Given Hearing.

South Ryegate, Jan. 11.—The granite manufacturers and other power users of this place and Groton have suffered much from intermittent power, and to see if conditions could not be bettered they petitioned the Vermont public service commission for a hearing and asking for a steady power. In response to this petition, a hearing was given at the place last Thursday and at Groton Friday.

Expert testimony was presented by the petitioners to show how the two electric companies could improve their plants and give steady and continuous power at a profit. The petitioners were represented by S. Housler Jackson of Barre and the electric companies, the Ryegate Light and Power company and the Groton Electric company, by Alexander Bennett of St. Johnsbury. The hearing was recessed.

DIED OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Mrs. G. W. Mulliken, Who Resided on Montpelier Road.

Mrs. Katherine (Kennedy) Mulliken, wife of Dr. G. W. Mulliken, passed away at her home on the Montpelier road this morning at 12:10 o'clock, death following a week's illness of infantile paralysis. Mrs. Mulliken was stricken with the malady Saturday, Jan. 2, and almost from the very moment the disease made its appearance she was critically ill. An accurate diagnosis of her ailment was made in the early stages of the patient's illness and strict quarantine measures were enforced. It is said, by the attending physician, Dr. G. H. Farmer of Montpelier called in council Dr. H. A. Ladd of Burlington, an assistant to the state board of health, and Dr. H. W. Sabin, also of Burlington. Paralysis appeared to have affected the throat muscles and in spite of the best medical ministrations known to the profession, Mrs. Mulliken's condition continued to sink.

Where she contracted the disease is not learned. So far as is ascertained she had not been in contact with persons who had had infantile paralysis, or who in turn, had been with other people afflicted with the malady. The Mulliken residence is in the town of Berlin and the town health authorities, it is said, are not aware that any other cases have been discovered in that immediate locality.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Mulliken leaves three children, John William Mulliken, Robert Mulliken and Philip Mulliken. Two sisters, Mrs. Paul Kelly of Burlington and Miss Annie Kennedy of Troy, N. Y., survive, together with three brothers, William Kennedy and Michael Kennedy of Troy, N. H., and Patrick Kennedy of Middlebury.

The deceased was born in Burlington 45 years ago and her marriage to Dr. Mulliken took place in that city in 1907. The family came to Berlin in 1913. Dr. Mulliken opening an office in Montpelier. It was said to-day that the remains would be taken to Burlington and that funeral services would probably be held in the Roman Catholic cathedral Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

DIED AT AGE OF 82.

Albert Lovell Warren Was a Native of Middlesex.

Albert Lovell Warren, for more than 27 years a respected citizen of Barre, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Gamble, of 28 Division street, last night. Death was due to valvular heart trouble. Mr. Warren had been in failing health for the past six months, although his condition was not considered serious until lately and he had been confined to his bed but a few days when the end came. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Harry Gamble of Montpelier, Mrs. Gamble of this city and Mrs. Alice Brown, also of Barre. One brother, Rufus Warren, of Montpelier, also survives and there are six grandchildren.

Mr. Warren was born in Middlesex Jan. 17, 1832, and was therefore 82 years, 11 months and 24 days old. He was the eldest of four children born to Leander and Susan (Taylor) Warren. As a young man he followed farming and continued in that vocation until his removal to Barre. His marriage to Miss Mary A. Steele took place in Montpelier in 1854. Mrs. Warren's death occurred in October, 1914. The early part of his life was spent in Montpelier and he came to Barre 27 years ago. Mr. Warren was a man of many good qualities and he leaves a large circle of friends in this city and Montpelier.

Funeral services will be held at his late home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Barre Congregational church, will be the officiating clergyman and interment will take place in Green Mount cemetery at Montpelier.

FUNERAL OF EDWARD CHESSEY

Held Sunday Afternoon and Interment Was in Hope Cemetery.

The funeral of Edward Chesssey was held from his late home at 43 Currier street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a large number of friends being in attendance. Three organizations attended, being the Masons, Can Gordon and the Burns club, and the bearers were chosen from those organizations, W. D. Smith, James Mackay and Fred Bird representing the Masons, Duncan McMillan the clan, and Hugh Christie the Burns club. Rev. Edgar Crossland of the Presbyterian church officiated, and Mrs. Richard Bradley sang two selections. Interment was in Hope cemetery. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including the following: Pillow of roses and lilies, Moir and Chessey families; keystone, Granite lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., and chapter; galls lilies, Eastern Star; wreath, Can Gordon No. 12, O. S. C.; willow, Burns club; wreath, C. I. P. A. recent; Santa Claus; lilies; Mrs. W. H. Smith; Mrs. Lewis; Mrs. Smith & Cummings; roses; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Anderson; roses; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bird; carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McMillan; roses; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bird; carnations; Mrs. Madden; carnations; Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips; carnations; Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald and family; carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Golda Douglas; carnations; A. Fawcett; carnations; Alex. Kesson and Joseph Quattrone.

NOT WILLIAM CAYHUE

But William Cahill, Who Was Tied in Montpelier City Court.

It was William Cahill who was fined \$25 and costs in Montpelier city court Saturday for intoxication and not William Cayhue as stated in Saturday's paper, the mistake having been made by reason of mistaken transmission of the news item over the telephone.

This morning in Montpelier city court appeared Frank Donovan, Joseph Murphy and James Crowley, the first two being charged with several offenses and the third with a third offense. All three were sent to the county jail for 30 days each.

A son was born Thursday, Jan. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Houghton of 62 Maple avenue.

Miss Agnes H. Kay of Cliff street, who recently completed her duties in the Laundry Clothing store, is employed as a stenographer at the Barre granite plant in Burlington's employ.

BILLS PLENTY IN ASSEMBLY

In Addition to 30 Already Introduced, the Revisers Have Many

SOME SOLONS OBJECT TO REVISERS' POWERS

Gov. Gates' Appointments Are Being Eagerly Awaited

The present week of the legislature promises to be a busy one and although the 30 bills introduced in the House are not to be considered as the most important to be introduced, there are many more in the hands of the revisers of bills and it is hoped and anticipated that among the remaining proposed acts several will be of more useful nature, and that the fault of so many legislatures in the past of waiting until the last few weeks of the session to introduce measures of vital importance, will be eradicated.

Considering the fact that there was a conference of the speakership until the opening Wednesday morning, Speaker John E. Weeks has done remarkably well, it is felt, in forming and naming the standing committees. And on these committees, and especially the chairmen, whether or not the session will be conducted with efficiency and dispatch, for once a bill is placed in their hands, its disposal depends to a considerable extent upon the committee to which it is referred.

There was some talk last week among the legislators in regard to the power of the revisers, Collins M. Graves and Thomas Cheney, some being of the opinion that their authority should be somewhat curtailed. But whether or not this view will crystallize into some action being taken, the fact nevertheless remains that to them should fall a great deal of credit for expediting the work of starting the legislature in good style. Speaker Weeks should also receive commendation for his active labor in organizing and although adjournment was taken Friday noon, the remainder of that day and Saturday found the representative from Middlebury established in his office, working to perfect plans for the present week and those following.

The appointments of Governor Gates are awaited with considerable interest and the present week may bring forth announcements of several more important office vacancies being filled. Among the appointments which may be made are commissioner of agriculture, bank commissioner, tax commissioner, fish and game commissioner, state geologist, public service commissioner for six years, state factory inspector, one member of the state board of health, a supervisor of the board for the insane, and three persons to act as the board of visitors to Norwich university. The office of state highway commissioner has been filled, by the appointment of Stoddard Riles. All the appointments of these offices must be confirmed by the Senate.

Walter F. Scott of Brandon, the new state treasurer, will enter upon his duties Wednesday, when Edward H. Deavitt will turn over the affairs and retire into private life. Mr. Scott and Attorney General Barber are the only newcomers among the state officers, outside of the governor and lieutenant governor, the secretary of state and state auditor having been re-elected.

STATE HOUSE NOTES.

Representative Atwell of Brandon promises to be an enterprising member of the House, if his start can be taken as a criterion. Of the 28 bills introduced in the House Friday morning, Mr. Atwell was the sponsor for five.

Only two members out of the 246 representatives of the present legislature have failed to appear and take the oath of office. From one of them, John L. Mattison of Gloucester, Bennington county, a letter has been received and read in the House, explaining that his absence was because of illness. The other tardy legislator is Kyle T. Brown of Lunenburg, mentioned early last week as a possible candidate for speaker. His wife's illness is the reason for his seat being vacant.

The speaker in charge of the telephone booth reports that the toll lines are not being used anywhere near as much as two years ago. The reason can be easily seen, inasmuch as the free service in force then has been done away with. Business only, now draws the legislator to the booths at the present session.

The joint canvassing committee, appointed to canvass the votes for county officers, will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the supreme court chamber for the purpose of reporting on Addison county. In this county the office of probate judge at New Haven is contested by Frank W. Tuttle of Vergennes, E. S. Haseltine being the official. The former will be represented by Attorney John Sargent of Ludlow and Mr. Haseltine has retained Attorney George H. Wing. This is the only contest in state or county.

The members of the 1908 legislature will hold a reunion in the House Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, it is announced.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of pharmacy will take place Tuesday, Jan. 12. It is expected that a class of candidates will appear to take the examinations. On the same day and the two days following the State Medical association will be in session.

Governor Charles W. Gates, during